

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Legislative Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded when speaking to use your microphones so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Absent:

7:00 PM – CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: As Required Under Article 25AAA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Draft Plan

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

7:10 PM – CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), In Relation To Legislator Qualifications

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Jeff Collins	March 2 nd
Legislator Thomas Corcoran	March 15 th
Legislative Minority Counsel Nick Pascale	March 27 th
Legislator Richard Walls	March 28 th
Legislator Greg McCollough	March 31 st

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Appointment Letter - Ulster County Human Rights Commission – S. Leigh Thompson Shealy

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

FOIL Acknowledgement & Response – Chelsea Bossenbroek

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Majority Leader Uchitelle	Appointment Letter – Transit Rider & Intermodal Advisory Committee – Legislator Gregory McCollough
Minority Leader Roberts	Appointment Letter – Transit Rider & Intermodal Advisory Committee – Legislator Joseph Maloney
Republican Caucus	Letter to County Executive Requesting Update on Salary Study and Collective Bargaining Negotiations
Legislative News	Press Release – Ulster County Legislature Accepting Applications to be included in Agricultural District – Spanish Translation Available Press Release – Criswell Calls for Unity & Collaboration Amidst Uncertainties – Spanish Translation Available
American Postal Workers Union, President Ed Horvers	APWU Rally – March 20, 2025 from 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM – 90 Cornell St., Kingston
Catskill Mountain Railroad, President Ernie Hunt Chelsea Bossenbroek	CMRR Email to the Legislature Foil Request – UC Department of Health – Public health orders related to COVID-19 & orders for paid sick leave relating to COVID-19
Concern Citizens (1)	Emails – Opposed to reappointment of Tyrone Wilson to UC Human rights Commission
Concern Citizens (2)	Email/Letter – Opposed to the Landfill on Milk Road - Wawarsing
Concern Citizens (2)	Email – Ashokan Rail Trail: Undesignated Section – Supports Trail
Concern Citizens (4)	Emails – Supporting Catskill Mountain Railroad
Concern Citizens (1)	Emails – Opposed to the extension of the Catskill Mountain Railroad & Trails

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Cornell University, Melissa Foley	NYS LTAP Center – Cornell Local Roads Program Pamphlets
Hudson 7	Agenda – March 12, 2025 & Minutes – January 8, 2025
Hudson Valley Regional Council, Carla Castillo	HVRC Presentation & Board Slides – Brownfield Opportunity Area Program & Smart Growth Community Program Slide
NYS Dept of Agricultural & Markets (4)	Emails – NYSERDA – NY-Sun NOI Submission – ELP Marlborough Solar in the Town of Marlborough
O’Connor Davies	Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports – Including Report to those Charged with Governance
Town of Marlborough	Town Board Res. No. 52 in Support of Ulster County Resolution No. 102
Ulster County Budget Department	Budgetary Transfers Report - January 2025 2024 Budget Adjustments
Ulster County Community Action	Executive Director Douglas Blancero – Correspondence Regarding Community Action’s Contract With The County
Ulster County Comptroller’s Office	Press Release – Ulster County Comptroller Health Insurance Updated Audit Finds Employees Overpaid Press Release - Ulster County Experience a Fourth Year of Record-Breaking Sales Tax Revenue Press Release – 2024 Ulster County Public Pay Dashboard
Ulster County Chamber of Commerce	Ribbon Cutting – Sound of Life Radio Network – Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – 507 Hurley Avenue, Hurley Ribbon Cutting – HUDSY Studio – Friday, March 21, 2025 @ 11:00 AM – 721 Broadway, Suite 122, Kingston – Revised to Studio B

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Department of General Services

Ulster County Department of General Services

Ulster County Office for the Aging

Ulster County Planning Department

Ulster County Personnel Department

Ulster County Prevention Council, Jennifer Ryan

Ulster County Transportation Council

Ulster County Veterans Services

Non-Commodity Solicitations:

RFP-UC25-013 – Ulster County One-Stop Operator

RFP-UC25-022 – Trauma Specialist Case Manager

RFP-UC25-021 – External Financial Audit Services

January 2025 Executed Contracts List

Purchasing Monthly Activity Report January 2025

February 2025 Executed Contracts List

Reporting Wages – Connect America

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan – Minutes – November 12, 2024 & January 6, 2025

Agenda – March 5th & Minutes for February 5th – Including UCPB Financial Report

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements (35)

Ulster County Substance Prevention Board Agenda & Minutes – February 14, 2025

Agenda – March 3rd – UC Traffic Safety Board Meeting

Law Enforcement Training - Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM @ Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response

Hope for the Heroes Gala – March 21st

Veterans Reintegration Gala - May 24th

Orange County Chamber's Choice Awards – March 29th

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Veterans Services (cont.)

Ulster County Vietnam War Veterans
Memorial Highway – March 29th

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces New Role for County in Addressing Critical Gaps in EMS Coverage

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Applauds Resolution Honoring Former County Clerk Nina Postupack with Dedication

Press Release – County Comptroller Report on County Health Insurance Plan Confirms that County Plan Outperformed NYSHIP, Offered More Benefit Options for Employees and Resulted in Taxpayer Savings Compared to State Plan

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Delivers 2025 State of the County Address, Highlighting Progress on Housing, Mental Health & Investments in Local Economy, Climate and Community Resilience

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces 2025 Ulster County Poet Laureate

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces 2025 Funding Opportunity for Housing Projects Supporting Affordability

Press Release – Public Invited to Help Shape Behavioral Health Services in Ulster County

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Press Release – Amid Global Increase in Cases, Ulster County Department of Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated Against Measles

Press Release – Dedicated Therapy Dog Support Program Announced for Ulster County Emergency 911 Operators

Press Release – Wawarsing Town Board Approves County Executive Metzger’s Proposal for Ellenville Warming Center Partnership

Press Release – County Executive Metzger Announces That Ulster County Surpassed 2025 ‘Green Fleet’ Target

Press Release – Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Janet Nunez as Site Program Manager For Trudy Farber Center in Ellenville

Appointment Letter – Ulster County Human Rights Commission – Christine Dinsmore

Appointment Letter – STOP DWI Advisory Board – John Allen Blue

Appointment Letter – Ulster County Office For The Aging – Janet Durand

Appointment Letter – Ulster County Community Services Board – Maureen Sheehan, Dr. Maya Hambright and Emma Hambright

Letter - Response to Republican Caucus Letter Requesting Update on Salary Study and Collective Bargaining Negotiations

ANNUAL REPORTS:

- Ulster County Board of Elections 2024 Annual Report
- Ulster County Board of Ethics 2024 Annual Report
- Ulster County Clerk 2024 Annual Report
- Ulster County District Attorney's 2024 Annual Reports
- Ulster County Executive Departments 2024 Annual Reports
- Ulster County Green Fleet 2024 Annual Report
- Ulster County Real Property Data 2024 Annual Report
- Reserve Reports for GOC, Decarbonization, and Tax Stabilization 2024 Annual Report
- Ulster County Schedule of 2023 NY Department of Transportation Assistance Expended

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture
- Energy, Environment & Sustainability
- Health, Human Services & Human Rights
- Housing & Transportation
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- Laws and Rules, Government Services
- Public Works, Capital Projects
- Ways and Means

DATE:

- February 4, 2025
- February 4, 2025
- February 6, 2025
- February 6, 2025
- February 5, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- February 10, 2025
- February 13, 2025

MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:

- Letter to Congressmen Hon. Josh Riley & Hon. Patrick K. Ryan regarding Social Security Offices In Ulster County
- Letter to NYS DOCCS Commissioner Martuscello regarding staffing and conditions in correctional facilities

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to People USA CEO, Steve Miccio, and COO, Kimberly Wing. People USA is a peer-run organization led and staffed by individuals with lived experience, providing compassionate, person-centered support services for those in crisis. Steve and Kimberly will present on the Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC) in Kingston. A 24/7 community crisis response hub, the CSC provides a place where people of all ages can connect immediately with an integrated team of counselors, peer specialists, and behavioral health professionals. Children or adults experiencing emotional distress, psychiatric symptoms, substance use challenges, or other life stressors can receive onsite care and support.

SPEAKERS

Honorable Kevin Roberts - Minority Leader Address

Honorable Abe Uchitelle - Majority Leader Address

PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature):

**RESOLUTION NOS: 553 of 2024, 83, 84, 86 - 90, 92 – 99, 103 –124; 54 - WITHDRAWN
470 of 2024, 731 of 2024, 52, 80 – 82, 85 & 102 - POSTPONED;
709 of 2024, 33, 91, 100, & 101 - DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE**

	Consent
553 of 2024	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2024, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2

84	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz, As An Ulster County Grant Recipient, For Installation Of Solar Panels At The Village Of New Paltz Water Treatment Plant – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
86	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$360,150.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training
87	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$125,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training
88	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$650,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training
90	Setting A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law, On the Eight Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 3 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities, To Be Held On April 15, 2025 At 7:05 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard – Department Of Planning
92	Appropriating Funding To Support And Strengthen The Local Food System And Foster Sustainability
93	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$650,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Planning
96	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Enter Into A Data Use Agreement – Department Of Health
97	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Fund A Deputy Medical Examiner (Medicolegal Investigation) Position - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Position Listing – Department Of Health

98	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health
99	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health
103	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Justice For Asset Forfeiture - Ulster County Sheriff
104	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,586.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff
105	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$52,760.00 Entered Into By The County – Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff
106	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Two Agreements With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For \$100,000 Of State Aid To Fund An Anti-Violence Initiative In Connection To The District Attorney’s One Life Only Program - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget – District Attorney
107	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Extension Agreement With O&W Station, LLC, For The Family & Child Advocacy Center - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)
108	Amending Capital Project No. 661 Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Operating Budget - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)
109	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,649,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HVB Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

110	Appointing Chair Peter J. Criswell As The Ulster County Legislature's Member To Serve On The County Jury Board
111	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works
112	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works
113	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works
114	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works
115	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Highway Rehabilitation Corp. – Department Of Public Works
116	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works
117	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$592,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&J Sass Electric, Inc. – Department Of Public Works
118	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$736,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vamco Sheet Metal, Inc. – Department Of Public Works
120	Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance

121	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,689.19, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. – Department Of Information Services
122	Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, Definitions, In Relation To Youth Employment Programs, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 15, 2025 At 7:10 PM
123	Authorizing Director Of Budget To Make Certain Transfers Of Funds – Department Of Budget
	Non- Consent
83	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To The Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
89	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With iPark 87 Commercial LLC. For The Ulster County Office Of Employment & Training - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)
94	Authorizing Execution And Submission Of A Grant Application To New York State Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer The Zero-Emissions Transit Transition (ZETT) Program For Transit Electrification - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)
95	Appointing Members To The Transit Riders’ And Intermodal Advisory Committee
119	Adopting The Ulster County Parental Leave Program
124	Establishing A Policy Requiring Vendor Reporting As A Component Of Executing Certain Contract Extensions On Behalf Of Ulster County For Professional Services

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Kevin Rohrbach, Milton
June Jennison, Milton
Mary Connor, Marlboro
Angelo Secreto, Highland
Karlton D. Bowers, Marbletown
Herbert F. Morehouse, Sr., Hurley
Dennis Helm, Connelly

Eugene Slater, Marlboro
Frank Pascariello, Milton
Anthony Aurigemma, Marlboro
William Gaffney, Ulster
Lois J. Petramale, Ulster
Frances Ficco, Lake Katrine

CLOSING WORDS – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Gina Hansut, District 10, to offer closing words.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

MEETING ADJOURNED: